

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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Executive Order 2005-25

Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap

[M05-251]

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2004 President Bush called for widespread adoption of interoperable electronic health records (EHRs) within 10 years and established the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT); and

WHEREAS, ONCHIT issued a *Framework for Strategic Action: The Decade of Health Information Technology: Delivering Consumer-centric and Information-rich Health Care*, (the "*Framework*") outlining four requirements for achieving the President's goal of widespread adoption of health information technology (HIT), including the need to: 1) develop interoperability standards; 2) support and encourage the development and use of EHRs and electronic data exchange infrastructure; 3) establish policies and regulation consistent with these goals and information security requirements; and 4) create an Internet-based architecture for nationwide health information exchange; and

WHEREAS, the *Framework's* goals are consistent with those of the State of Arizona to achieve 100% electronic health data exchange between payers, health care providers, consumers of health care, researchers, and government agencies as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimates that savings of \$140 billion per year, or close to 10% of total health spending in the United States, could be achieved through HIT by reducing duplicative care, lowering health care administrative costs, and avoiding errors in care; and

WHEREAS, the federal government intends to financially support local and statewide initiatives aligned with federal efforts to achieve the President's HIT goals; and

WHEREAS, Arizona recognizes that early adoption of a statewide e-health information infrastructure would improve the quality and reduce the cost of health care in Arizona by: 1) ensuring health information is available at the point of care for all patients; 2) reducing medical errors and avoiding duplicative medical procedures; 3) improving coordination of care between hospitals, physicians, and other health professionals; 4) furthering health care research; and 5) providing consumers with their own health information to encourage greater participation in their own health care decisions; and

WHEREAS, Arizona must control health care costs as a key to a long-term strategy of reducing state expenditures and enhancing the business environment for both large and small employers; and

WHEREAS, a statewide e-health information infrastructure must be organized and structured in a manner to protect the privacy and security of health information; and

WHEREAS, establishing an Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap will guide legislative and regulatory actions, encourage coordinated efforts in the private health care sector, further public and private partnerships for the development of a statewide health information infrastructure, and maximize federal financial participation to support the goal of early adoption of an e-health information infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Director of the Government Information Technology Agency ("GITA") shall convene a Call to Action Summit

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of health care industry executives, technology leaders, content experts, major employers, community leaders and interested government agencies within sixty (60) days of the execution of this Order to solicit input and participation in the creation of an e-health information infrastructure for Arizona.

2. There is hereby created a Steering Committee for Arizona Health-e Connection (the "Steering Committee"). The Steering Committee shall be chaired by the Director of GITA and shall comprehensively review issues surrounding the creation of an e-health information infrastructure in Arizona and develop guidance (to be known as the "Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap") for the users of such infrastructure.
3. Members of the Steering Committee shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Steering Committee shall include representatives from:
 - Major employers
 - Health plans
 - Physician community
 - Hospitals and hospital systems
 - Healthcare foundations and organizations involved in e-health information
 - Healthcare Associations
 - Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
 - Arizona Department of Health Services
 - Arizona Department of Administration
 - Arizona Department of Insurance
 - Arizona Universities
 - Health information, privacy and security content experts
3. Task groups within the Steering Committee shall be formed to develop recommendations for:
 - Identifying existing e-health resources, including funding sources, to support the development of a statewide e-health information infrastructure;
 - Identifying technology options, and their advantages and disadvantages, for a statewide e-health information infrastructure;
 - Identifying options for serving consumer health information needs;
 - Ensuring health information privacy and security in electronic health information exchange;
 - Facilitating statewide adoption of electronic health record standards to enable health information exchange across the state and nationally; and
 - Creating organizational and governance structures for a statewide e-health information infrastructure.
4. The Steering Committee shall explore funding options for the cost of developing the Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap and the subsequent development of an e-health information infrastructure for Arizona.
5. No later than one hundred eighty (180) days following the Call to Action Summit, the Steering Committee shall submit to the Governor the Arizona Health-e Connection Roadmap, detailing recommended actions and key milestone dates to achieve within the next five years the goals stated in this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 30th day of August in the Year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*** MATURE WORKERS WEEK ***

[M05-263]

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that by 2010, mature workers (workers age 55 and older) will comprise 20% of the work force—compared to 13% in the year 2000—and the U.S., including Arizona, will face critical shortages of qualified workers; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 survey of older Arizonans showed that while 78% of respondents were interested in employment, only 36% were actually employed; and

WHEREAS, women between the ages of 55 and 64 have steadily increased their labor force participation rates from 42.0 percent in 1985 to 49.2 percent in 1995 and to 56.6 percent in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is one of four states nationwide collaborating with the AARP Foundation on its Workforce Initiative to build strategies to connect Arizona's mature workers to productive and satisfying careers; and

WHEREAS, mature workers are a dedicated and experienced core of our workforce, making immeasurable contributions to the nation as paid workers and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, mature workers are productive, have a high retention rate, help bring stability to the workplace, and have a natural tendency to serve as mentors to younger workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 18 through 24, 2005 as

*** MATURE WORKERS WEEK ***

in Arizona, and encourage businesses to consider hiring the mature workforce by recognizing their strengths and experience. Further, I encourage mature workers to explore current workforce needs, update their skills accordingly, and continue to use their experience to help move Arizona forward.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Seventh day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

*** SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M05-252]

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the sudden and unexpected death of apparently healthy babies, is one of the leading causes of death in Arizona for infants one month to one year of age. Nationally, SIDS claims the lives of between 2000 and 3000 babies each year, approximately one baby for every thousand born; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the American Academy of Pediatrics provide recommendations for safe sleep positions and environmental factors that may help reduce the risk for SIDS; and

WHEREAS, infants in Arizona continue to die from SIDS and caregivers are unaware of risk reduction practices, including placing babies on their backs to sleep, choosing safe bedding, keeping babies from overheating, choosing breastfeeding

when possible and creating tobacco-free environments; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness among all Arizona parents and infant caregivers on the importance of creating safe sleep environments has a great potential for saving lives and sparing family the tragedy of an infant's death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2005 as

*** SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH ***

in Arizona and urge citizens to practice SIDS risk reduction and safe sleep recommendations to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep related infant deaths.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-second day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH ***

[M05-253]

WHEREAS, healthy, sober, emotional and physical wellness in our families, friends, co-workers and fellow citizens is something we all recognize and value; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is used by youth more than all other drugs combined and alcohol-related incidents cause more deaths of our young people than all other causes; and

WHEREAS, as many as 63 percent of Americans say some form of addiction has impacted them at some point in their lives through a friend, family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem; every day in Arizona, men, women, and youth enter treatment for alcohol and drug abuse and begin the road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, every year a variety of treatment programs helps thousands of individuals recover and return to being productive citizens with restored physical, emotional, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a physical illness seeking to be recognized as a disease in order to end social stigmas and create a society that treats recovering people, or those still at risk for alcohol and other drug problems, with respect; and

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month offers everyone involved in substance abuse treatment, or prevention, an opportunity to educate the public about the impact alcohol and drug addiction has on our communities, and that recovery is possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as

*** ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH ***

in Arizona State, and I encourage all residents to promote the benefits of alcohol and drug addiction treatment and recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-ninth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK ***

[M05-255]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recognizes the importance of providing children throughout the world permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children around the world continue to wait for an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS, international adoptions create and complete families in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, non-profit Arizona-based organizations have united children from around the world with permanent families in Arizona and across our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona commends adoptive families and encourages adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 12 – 18, 2005 as

*** INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK ***

and urge Arizona residents to acknowledge adopted children and their families and to become educated on the issue of adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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*** NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY ***

[M05-256]

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1944) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured natural resources that is being passed to younger generations; and

WHEREAS, land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, Take Pride in America, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, and has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim September 24, 2005 as

*** NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY ***

in Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** PKD AWARENESS DAY ***

[M05-266]

WHEREAS, Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) is a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous fluid filled cysts on the kidneys reducing kidney function and leading to kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, Polycystic Kidney Disease is the fourth leading cause of kidney failure in the United States affecting approxi-

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mately 600,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Currently Polycystic Kidney Disease costs Americans more than 2 Billion each year in Medicaid and Medicare charges for dialysis and transplantation; and

WHEREAS, This disease does not discriminate, as it equally affects families, irrespective of age, race or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Walk for PKD, established in an effort to promote awareness of this disease, is being held in our city of Tucson at Reid Park on Saturday, September 17, 2005

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2005, as

*** PKD AWARENESS DAY ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** CYBER SECURITY MONTH ***

[M05-272]

WHEREAS, many citizens of Arizona use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services, and procure information; and

WHEREAS, the primary and secondary schools of Arizona use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

WHEREAS, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, Arizona companies use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and the information infrastructure face an increasing threat of attack by viruses and other malicious code; and

WHEREAS, there are several state government and private security organizations banding together as the Arizona Security Round Table to communicate an important security message to assist the citizens of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Arizona play an important role in securing cyberspace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October as

*** CYBER SECURITY MONTH ***

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in the State of Arizona and encourage all Arizona citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge to use in their homes, schools and workplaces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State